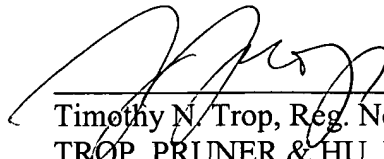


**REMARKS**

Applicant has elected Group II (claims 11-31) and has withdrawn claims 1-10.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Timothy N. Trop', is written over a horizontal line.

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